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# **IEC SC17A: Harmonization of IEC & ANSI/IEEE Standards for High-voltage Circuit-breakers**

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# Harmonization IEC - ANSI/IEEE Standards for HV Circuit-breakers

- ▶ Proposals to harmonize IEC & ANSI standards for high-voltage circuit-breakers can be traced back to the 1980's
  - ▶ C.L.Wagner and H.M. Smith “Analysis of TRV rating concepts”, IEEE Transactions on PAS, Nov. 1984,
  - ▶ S. S.Berneryd “Improvements possible in testing standards for HV circuit-breakers, Harmonization of ANSI and IEC testing”, IEEE Transactions on Power Delivery, Oct. 1988.
- ▶ First “harmonized” document in 1993/1994: IEEE C37.015/IEC 61233 “Shunt reactor Switching”  
Project leaders: D.Peelo & S.S.Berneryd
- ▶ Other early contributions by R.Harner, E.Ruoss, A.Bosma & H.H.Schramm.

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- ▶ **Aim: Common Switching & Breaking Tests in IEC & ANSI/IEEE Standards**
- ▶ Since 1995, three main actions undertaken:
  - ▶ Harmonization of TRVs for breaking tests of circuit-breakers rated 100 kV and higher,
  - ▶ Harmonization of ratings and test requirements for capacitive current switching,
  - ▶ Harmonization of TRVs for breaking tests of circuit-breakers rated less than 100 kV.

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- ▶ Definition of TRV:
  - ▶ recovery voltage that appears across the terminals of a pole of circuit-breaker, during the initial interval of time after the breaking of current.
- ▶ For historical reasons, TRVs for high-voltage circuit-breakers have been represented by different wave-shapes by IEC and ANSI/IEEE for 40 years.
- ▶ Thanks to efforts by IEC & IEEE, this situation is about to change and TRVs for high-voltage circuit-breakers will be described in the same way.

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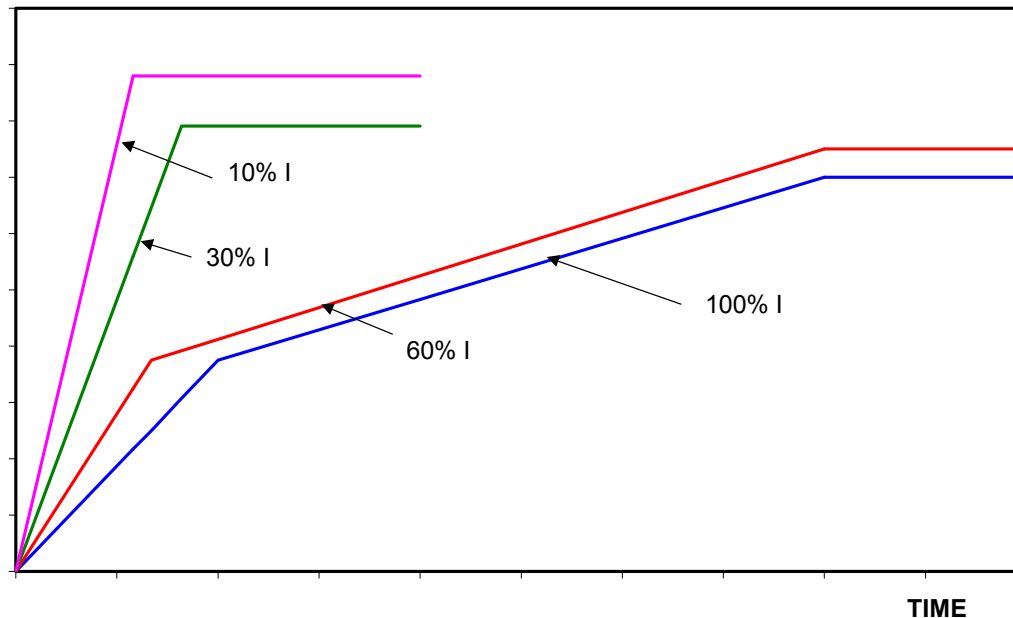
- ▶ Common Breaking Tests for Circuit-breakers rated 100 kV and above
  - ▶ Project conducted by IEC SC17A WG23 with participation by the IEEE Switchgear Committee.
  - ▶ WG23 made a proposal for common Transient Recovery Voltages (TRV) with
    - Same description by 2 or 4 parameters, as defined in IEC standards,
    - Common values of TRV parameters.

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- ▶ Common Breaking Tests for Circuit-breakers rated 100 kV and above

TRV description for circuit-breakers rated 100 kV and above, as function of rated breaking current

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- ▶ Common Breaking Tests for Circuit-breakers rated 100 kV and above
  - ▶ Present situation
    - Project adopted by IEC SC17A: amendment 1 to IEC 62271-100, published in 2003-04.
    - Project in progress in IEEE, drafts of relevant standards are ready and will be balloted in 2004.
    - When revisions of IEC 62271-100 and ANSI/IEEE C37.04b /06 /09 /011 are completed, TRVs will be common, with few differences.
    - Breaking tests procedures were already largely harmonized in IEC 62271-100 (2001) and ANSI/IEEE C37.09 (1999).

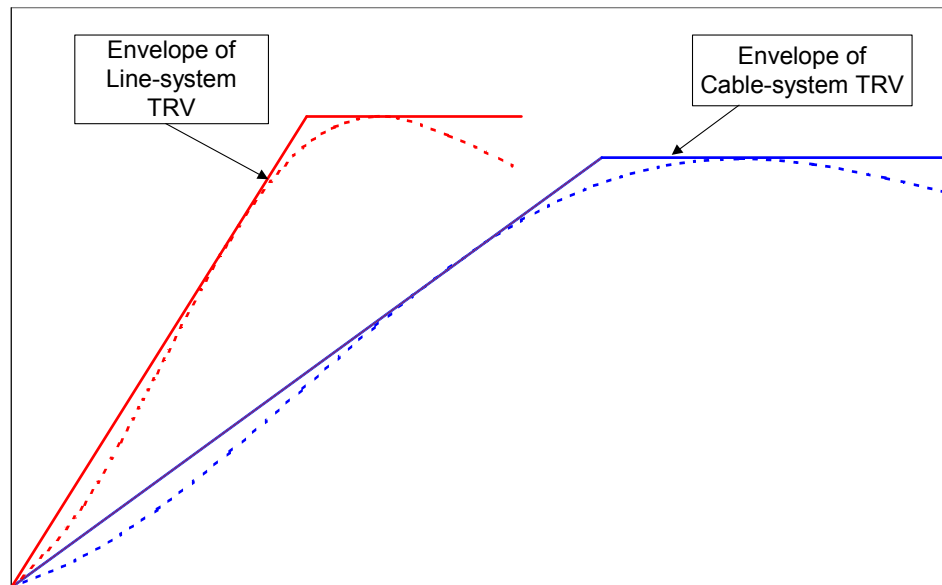


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- ▶ Common Breaking Tests for Circuit-breakers rated less than 100 kV
  - ▶ Running Project by IEC SC17A: Revision of TRVs
    - Project started in 2001, 2nd CD published in 2004,
    - Aim: Revision of TRVs, to cover the different types of systems with maximum voltage higher than 1 kV and less than 100 kV,
    - Harmonization with IEEE,
    - Consider the work of CIGRE (CIGRE Task Force Report in Electra N°88-1983, CIGRE-CIRED WGCC03 Report 134, 12-1998).

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- ▶ Common Breaking Tests for Circuit-breakers rated less than 100 kV
  - ▶ IEC plans to introduce 2 classes of circuit-breakers for cable-systems and line-systems, defined by 2 TRV characteristics:

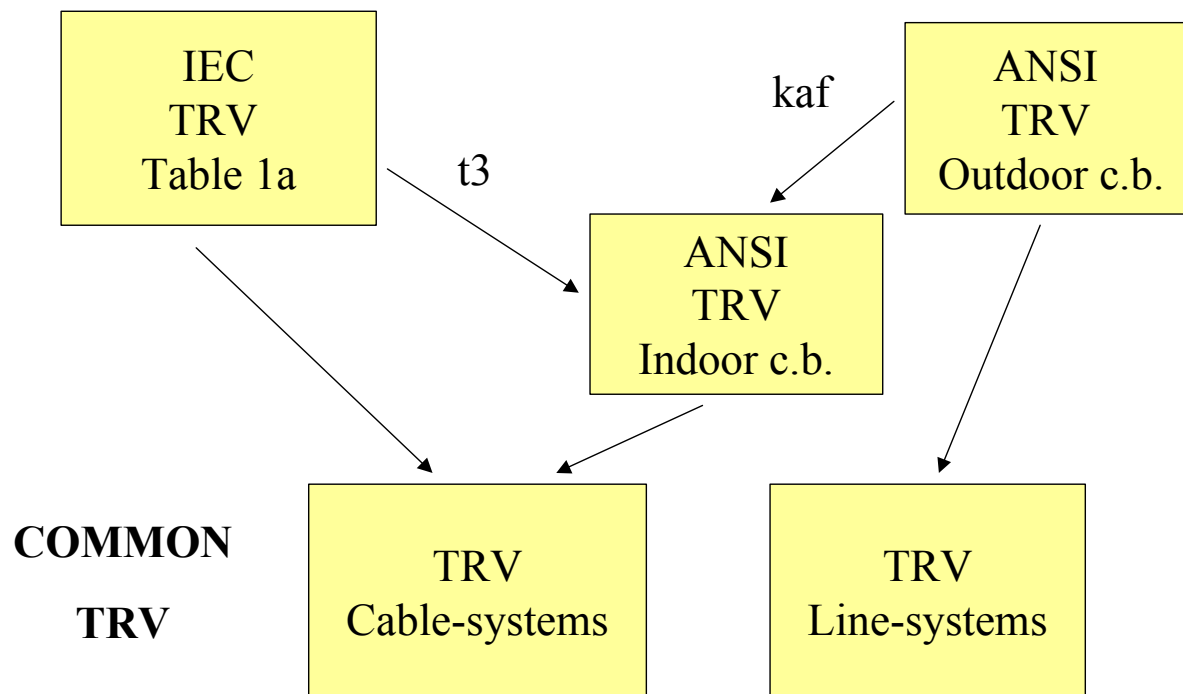


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- ▶ Common Breaking Tests for Circuit-breakers rated less than 100 kV
  - ▶ IEC will keep its present values for circuit-breakers in cable-systems,
  - ▶ IEC plans to adopt ANSI/IEEE TRV parameters for circuit-breakers in line-systems,
  - ▶ Revision in IEC will lead to amend. 2 f1 to 62271-100.
  - ▶ In May 2004, IEEE Working Groups in charge of TRV revision have decided to adopt present IEC values for its indoor (cable) circuit-breakers in C37.06 and 04.
  - ▶ According to this plan, IEC and ANSI/IEEE would have common TRV values for circuit-breakers rated less than 100kV.

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- ▶ Common Breaking Tests for Circuit-breakers rated less than 100 kV



# Harmonization IEC - ANSI/IEEE Standards for HV Circuit-breakers

- ▶ Common Capacitive Current Tests for High-voltage Circuit-breakers
  - ▶ Common IEC - IEEE Task Force established in 1995,
  - ▶ Aim: to have common / revised ratings & test procedures
  - ▶ Main features of the revision:
    - Introduction of class C1 of circuit-breakers with a low probability of restrike. They are tested as in former IEC 60056 and ANSI/IEEE C37.09.
    - Introduction of a new class C2 of circuit-breakers with a very low probability of restrike. Testing is defined in a new program with more tests ( x 2) and pre-conditioning of contacts.

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- ▶ Common Capacitive Current Tests for High-voltage Circuit-breakers
  - ▶ Present situation in IEC
    - Revision implemented in IEC 62271-100 (2001),
    - Improvements planned in Amendment 2 f2 of 62271-100,
    - Subject covered in the future IEC-CIGRE Application Guide to IEC 62271-100.
  - ▶ Present situation in IEEE
    - Revised ratings adopted in C37.04a (2003),
    - Testing procedures in C37.09 almost adopted, new ballot planned before end of 2004,
    - Application Guide C37.012 has been revised accordingly and harmonized with IEC, ballot in progress.

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## ▶ Conclusion

- ▶ A considerable amount of work has been done by common IEC -IEEE Working groups to harmonize:
  - Breaking tests for High-voltage circuit-breakers rated 100kV and higher,
  - Capacitive current switching tests for high-voltage circuit-breakers
- ▶ Work in progress in IEC & IEEE to have common breaking tests for circuit-breakers rated less than 100kV.
- ▶ When this is completed, our common objective ONE TEST FOR ALL, will be achieved for breaking and switching tests.



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**Thanks for your attention.  
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